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June 2, 2006

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of a Release and Disclaimer, dated as of April 5, 2006, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed document relates to the Security Agreement previously filed with the Commission under Recordation Number 15081.

The name and address of the party to the enclosed document are:

Secured Party: Principal Life Insurance Company
(f/k/a Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company)
711 High Street
Des Moines, IA 50392

[Debtor: Mercantile Bank National Association
6701 N Illinois
Fairview Heights IL 62208]

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

200 covered hopper railcars: PLWX 46000 – PLWX 46150 and
PLCX 46151 – PLCX 46199.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index is:

Release and Disclaimer.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$34.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvord', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Alvord

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Enclosures

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RELEASE AND DISCLAIMER

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The undersigned, **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY** (formerly known as Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company) ("**Principal**"), the lender and secured party under that certain Security Agreement, dated as of September 1, 1986, from Mercantile Bank National Association to Principal, which Security Agreement was filed with the predecessor of the Surface Transportation Board on October 20, 1986, and given Recordation Number 15081 (as amended, the "**Security Agreement**"), hereby releases the railroad equipment ("**Equipment**") described on Annex I hereto from the lien, encumbrance, terms and conditions of the Security Agreement. Principal acknowledges the debt related to the foregoing has been fully paid.

Further, Principal hereby releases any, and disclaims any further, right, title or interest in the Equipment and any related leases, participation agreements, assignments or other related transaction documents.

Dated as of the 5th day of April, 2006.

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Principal Global Investors, LLC
a Delaware limited liability company,
its authorized signatory

By: Charles J. Davis
CHARLES J. DAVIS, Counsel

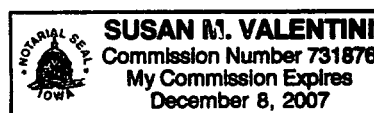
By: Elizabeth D. Swanson
ELIZABETH D. SWANSON, Counsel

COUNTY OF Polk)
) SS
STATE OF Iowa)

On this the 5th day of April, 2006, before me personally appeared Charles J. Davis + Elizabeth D. Swanson to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that they are the counsel of Principal Life Insurance Company, that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Susan M. Valentini
Notary Public

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Annex I

THE EQUIPMENT

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Road Numbers – Both Inclusive</u>
5850 cubic foot covered hopper cars manufactured by Trinity Industries, Inc.	200	PLWX 46000 to PLWX 46150, and PLCX 46151 to PLCX 46199